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PST increase challenged in court by Tories

Legal challenge. NDP said government had the right to raise tax and avoid referendum

Manitoba's governing NDP "thumbed its nose" at taxpayers and broke the law when it increased the provincial sales tax without holding a referendum, a lawyer for the Opposition argued in court Wednesday.

Robert Tapper, who is representing the Progressive Conservative party in a lawsuit that challenges the tax hike, told court the NDP was bound by its own legislation to consult the public first.

Instead, the government suspended that requirement at the same time as it introduced the tax increase.

The government broke an

election promise last July not to raise taxes and upped the provincial sales tax to eight per cent from seven.

The New Democrats had to suspend a section of the balanced budget law that required a referendum on any increase to provincial sales, income or payroll taxes.

The NDP could have introduced a bill separately to sidestep that referendum rather than attach it to a budget bill, which required all government members of the legislature to vote in favour or risk toppling the government, Tapper said.

"Why do it in one bill?" Tapper asked. "Was it arrogance?"

He suggested the government disregarded Manitobans when it overruled its own law.

The NDP said the government had the right to raise the sales tax and sidestep a

referendum. Government lawyer Jonathan Kroft said a right to a referendum is not required or protected under the Charter of Rights.

People were able to express their opinions through committee hearings, he said. He argued the provincial government has a right to manage the economy and change laws freely.

No court should be able to dictate what the legislature chooses to discuss, he said.

"We can't bind them and we can't tie their hands," Kroft told the judge.

The judge reserved his decision.

Conservative Leader Brian Pallister, who was in court Wednesday, said his party had to challenge the PST increase on behalf of Manitobans. The Tories are paying for the lawsuit through donations.

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Tory leader Brian Pallister walks into the Law Courts building on Wednesday. His party is claiming the NDP government broke the law when it raised the PST. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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Urging participation

City's budget consultations include 'roaming talk trucks'

The team behind the city's 2015 budget consultations is looking for a diverse group of Winnipeggers with a passion for their city.

How to reach out to them? How about "roaming talk trucks" that will gather information from people when they're out and about.

Kim Hyshka, senior consultant with Dialogue Partners, said they're currently in the second phase of the budget process, which involves meetings with the public until June 22.

"We're really trying to encourage as much participation from a diverse group of people in the city," said Hyshka, adding the collected info will be taken back to city departments for consideration in the draft budget.

"Some people have had really excellent experiences (with city services) and some people have had challenging experiences, so how do we bring all of those stories and all of those different experiences together to then talk about 'these are the services that are important to us' ... and start linking budget allocations and spending choices."

Hyshka said she understands past difficulties in attracting people to participate, which is why they're making this round of consultations as easy as possible with seven key questions, and coming to them as well.

For more information on the budget process, visit winnipeg.ca.

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Legal Help Centre gets new digs downtown

Portage Place Mall.
New location brings an uptick of clients



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Winnipeggers looking for legal help can now find it at Portage Place Mall.

The Legal Help Centre — a joint initiative of the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba that offers free professional legal advice from volunteer lawyers and students to anyone who needs it — officially opened its new office at the downtown shopping centre Wednesday after working out of the space during months of renovations.

"We spent a lot of time talking about how we wanted the space to be used.... We were basically able to get a custom office," explained the centre's executive director Kathy Jones of the office on the second floor of the mall, just above Staples.

"It's so wonderful, the (University of Winnipeg) has been so good to us," Jones said.

The move is the third for the non-profit since it opened in 2011, and with the U of W picking up the rent on a 10-year lease, Jones is hopeful it'll be the last move for a while.

The centre runs drop-in clinics twice a week, offers public legal education workshops and also does monthly outreach clinics at Siloam Mission and the Indigenous



The Legal Help Centre's executive director Kathy Jones stands outside the non-profit organization's new office on the second floor of Portage Place Mall after officially opening the space Wednesday morning. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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Jones said the services are vital for people who make more than the amount required to qualify for Legal Aid, but not enough to hire a lawyer.

"There's a gap for those

making between \$12,000 and \$50,000 a year who often have to represent themselves," she said. "So there are a lot of people who need our services."

For more information visit legalhelpcentre.ca.

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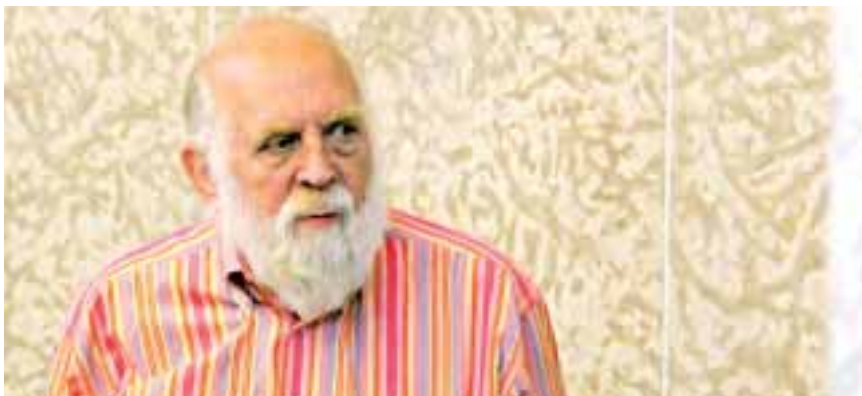
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Coun. Harvey Smith waits to address councillors on the public works committee on Tuesday. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Speed reduction for school zones clears first hurdle

Safety. But the reduction wouldn't apply to regional streets

Winnipeg drivers may soon have to slow down around elementary schools after a city committee approved lowering the speed limit to 30 km/h.

Members of the infrastructure renewal and public works committee voted unanimously for the reduction, though there are certain limitations. For example, the stretch of road must not be on a regional street. Also, the street layout must include

enough space for signage conforming to Manitoba regulations.

The speed reduction would apply to elementary schools from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through to Friday, September to June.

Coun. Harvey Smith said he supports the lowering of the speed limit, but it should go further.

"Calgary has it for school zones plus parks and let me tell you, kids don't just go to school, they wander down to the parks and the library and so forth," said Smith.

"The fact is reducing speed is important because it saves lives."

Smith cited a staggering stat: Almost 8,000 pedestrians and cyclists have been involved in motor-vehicle collisions in Manitoba over the past decade.

Committee chair Coun. Justin Swandel said he backs improved safety and speed enforcement in school zones, but he added: "I don't see us as having a big problem in school zones right now other than when people are dropping kids off."

The report on speed reduction in school zones now goes to the executive policy committee and, if approved there, to city council.

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Councillors clamour for cloverleaf interchange

Two northeast city councillors are criticizing the provincial government's plans for a busy highway intersection leading out to cottage country.

Coun. Russ Wyatt said what's needed at Lagimodiere Boulevard (Highway 59) and the Perimeter Highway is a cloverleaf, not a diamond interchange as provincial officials are contemplating.

"A diamond interchange, it sounds wonderful, but this is no diamond in the rough," said Wyatt, adding that diamond interchanges are popular in the U.S. and they work when it involves a freeway and minor road, not two highways.

"The (Manitoba) government is getting the diamond and people are getting the shaft."

Coun. Jeff Browaty said he agrees with Wyatt's call for a cloverleaf, adding traffic volumes demand it.

"The idea of a partial interchange instead of a full clover-

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"The (Manitoba) government is not moving as quickly as it could if it really wanted to build this today." Coun. Russ Wyatt

leaf is unacceptable. For a street like Henderson, McPhillips or even Main Street, it may work," Browaty said.

"But Lagimodiere is a high-volume, high-speed arterial. Stopping traffic with signals for any movement is wrong and a cop-out."

Premier Greg Selinger held a press conference on May 28 to announce that design work is underway on a new interchange at Highway 59 and the Perimeter Highway, years after the work was originally planned.

Selinger said construction will likely begin in the fall of

2015, and be completed within three years.

While the province has set aside \$160 million, Lance Vigfusson, assistant deputy minister of infrastructure and transportation, said the final cost of the new interchange depends on whether a cloverleaf or a less expensive diamond interchange is installed.

"We will build the lower-cost solution only if it can handle the traffic volume," Vigfusson said last week, adding the diamond option could cost as much as \$150 million, while the cloverleaf would likely come in closer to \$200 million.

Wyatt said the upgrades were first announced in 2007, but "here we are in 2014, some seven years later, and we're getting news that we're going to have to wait another four to five years for the work."

Browaty said it's "appalling" that this is still in the planning stages. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO WITH FILES FROM SHANE GIBSON

Transcona

Teen charged in garage break-in

A 13-year-old boy is facing charges after a homeowner chased down two suspects allegedly caught breaking into his garage in Transcona early Tuesday.

The pair were caught breaking into the detached garage in the 300 block of Regent Avenue West just before 6:30 a.m., police said.

The homeowner was able to catch and hold one of the suspects until police arrived. The second suspect got away.

Police believe the suspect is also responsible for an earlier garage break-in in late May.

A 13-year-old boy from Winnipeg is charged with break-and-enter and possession of marijuana. METRO

Crescent Park

Man's body found in Red River

Winnipeg police have pulled the body of a man from the Red River in the Crescent Park neighbourhood.

Police and emergency crews were called to the 700 block of South Drive around 9:45 a.m. after the man's body was seen floating in the river.

An autopsy is pending and an identification has not been made. METRO

Main Street

Charges laid in coffee-shop robbery

Police made a quick arrest after an armed robbery at a Main Street coffee shop Tuesday afternoon.

A man had allegedly made off from the shop in the 1100 block of Main Street with an undisclosed amount of cash around 2:30 p.m. when a passerby noticed him on Aberdeen Avenue and called police.

Christopher Kenneth Pink, 31, of Winnipeg has been charged with robbery and failing to comply with a probation order.

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Moncton police pursue shooting suspect after deadly rampage

Three cops killed, two injured. Police were looking for Justin Bourque, 24, of Moncton, last night

The RCMP says three of its officers were killed in Moncton, N.B., by a man armed with guns and two other officers were injured as the Mounties conducted a manhunt across the city's north end on Wednesday night for the shooter.

RCMP in New Brunswick said on its Twitter feed that they were looking for 24-year-old Justin Bourque of Moncton. The police force tweeted an image of a suspect wearing military camouflage and wielding two guns.

The RCMP released its first information on the shooting at about 9:15 p.m. through Twitter.



RCMP in New Brunswick posted this photo of suspect Justin Bourque on Twitter.

It confirmed the deaths of the three officers on Twitter at 11 p.m., tweeting: "3 officers mortally wounded by shooter.



Heavily armed police in Moncton look for a shooter Wednesday night following the shooting deaths of three fellow officers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2 officers sustained non life threatening injuries. Shooter still actively sought."

The Horizon Health Net-

work, the province's largest health authority, said on its Twitter feed that two patients were taken to the Moncton

Hospital with gunshot wounds.

Const. Damien Theriault said police were urging people in the area to stay inside their

homes and lock their doors.

Drivers were also asked to stay out of the area.

"We're advising people to stay inside until further notice," Theriault said.

Federal Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney tweeted, "Shocked by the tragedy in #Moncton. Thoughts and prayers with our frontline @rcmpgrcpolice officers and families."

Theriault said the search for the suspect was concentrated in the area of Ryan Street and Hildegarde Road.

His voicemail later said that the RCMP were searching for the suspect in the area of the Moncton Coliseum.

Sean Gallacher, who lives near the area where police were concentrating their search, said he heard what he now believes were gunshots but initially thought his daughter had dropped some toys.

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Pimps and johns targeted in Tories' 'made-in-Canada' prostitution bill



Justice Minister Peter MacKay takes questions from reporters on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday. The Conservative government has introduced legislation that targets johns and pimps. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Legislation. New list of offences intended to reduce demand for sex services and protect sex workers: Conservatives

The Conservative government has introduced legislation to criminalize the purchase of sexual services.

The long-awaited bill would also crack down on those who reap a material benefit from prostitution.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay says the "made-in-Canada" model is aimed at targeting johns and pimps while protecting the vulnerable.

The new prostitution-related offences are intended to reduce demand for sexual services and protect those who sell such services from

exploitation, as well as shield children and communities, the government says.

The bill would create new offences for:

- The purchase of sexual services and communicating in any place for that purpose.

- Receiving a financial or material benefit from the prostitution of others, including through businesses that sell the sexual services of others online or out of venues such as escort agencies, massage parlours, or strip clubs that also provide sexual services.

- Advertising the sale of sexual services in print media or on the Internet.

- Communicating for the purpose of selling sexual services in public places where a child could reasonably be expected to be present.

The legislation is the government's response to a Supreme Court of Canada deci-

sion in December that struck down key provisions of the country's prostitution laws.

While the court ruled the laws were unconstitutional, it gave the government a year to replace them.

Under the old laws, prostitution itself was legal but almost all related activities — including communicating in a public place for the purposes of prostitution, pimping and running a brothel — were criminal offences.

The new bill comes just two days after the Justice Department released the results of an online consultation that showed that a slim majority of respondents felt that buying sex should be illegal.

However, two-thirds of the more than 31,000 respondents said they thought selling sex should not be an offence.

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Toronto uses tower power in branded condom rollout

Punny business. City uses cheeky street names to get people talking about safe sex ahead of World Pride

Toronto unwrapped its very own city-branded condom design Wednesday, featuring the phallic point of the CN Tower and three aptly chosen city street signs: Cummer Avenue, Wood Street and Coxwell Avenue.

Toronto Public Health tweeted out the design of "condomTO" in six separate tweets, starting at 9 a.m.

A message on the condom's package reads, "No matter which way you go, put it on!"

The condom, launched by the health agency, comes two weeks before World Pride celebrations kick off in the city on June 20.

Dr. David McKeown, the city's medical officer, says the

condom's main goal is to get Torontonians talking about safe sex — and using condoms.

"This is a lighthearted approach to what is a serious subject," he said. "We want to raise awareness and try something new and different to get people thinking about safer sex. We're

First of its kind

This is the first Canadian city-branded condom that McKeown is aware of. Other cities, including Los Angeles and New York, have their own branded condoms.



trying to make it something that people in Toronto will talk about."

About 60 people die from HIV in Toronto annually, he

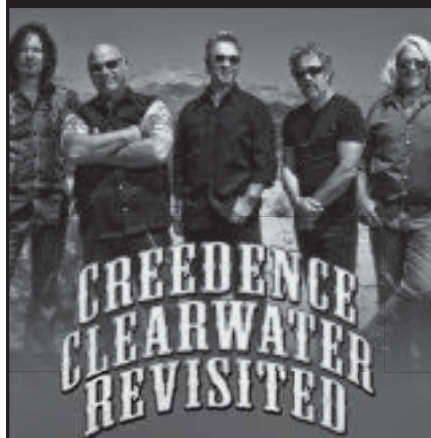
added. Using condoms is an effective way to prevent sexually transmitted diseases but statistics show many people choose not to use them.

The AIDS Committee of Toronto welcomed the move by Toronto Public Health, but pointed out only men's, not women's, condoms were available.

"The message doesn't start and end with condoms in a bowl," said spokesman Rafay Agha.

"But kudos to Toronto Public Health. The more safer-sex options people have, the better. It's also a great starting point for a conversation. Our symbol of the city is a phallic building." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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The Abu Dhabi Suite at the St. Regis in Abu Dhabi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

White-glove service for the 1%

Private elevators, personal shopping assistants, six-bedroom suites with their own postal codes. Even helipads. This is what the super-rich have come to expect from hotels.

For others, vacation now means renting someone's apartment, a spare room, maybe just a couch — anything to save on the cost of a hotel.

As the gap between the wealthiest travellers and everyone else has widened, so has the way people are experien-

cing vacations. The wealthy are looking for ever-more pampering. Many others are seeking new ways to economize.

Luxury hotels are catering to financial elites from Russia, China, Brazil or the Middle East who now routinely hop around the world and don't mind dropping \$20,000 US a night for a glamorous accommodation.

During the Great Recession, many resorts dropped "resort and spa" from their name. The idea was to appeal to corpor-

ate organizers who didn't want trips to seem extravagant. Excess now appears back in style.

With the recently opened St. Regis Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates, architects considered how much privacy to provide its most sumptuous suites, says Paul James, head of Starwood Hotels and Resorts' luxury properties.

"Part of the Abu Dhabi conversation was: 'Where does the helicopter land?'" James says.

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Burt Shavitz stands on his property in Parkman, Maine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The sour tale of the Burt of Burt's Bees

Got stung. Hippie Burt Shavitz, now 79 and back in Maine, says he got pushed out of the company he co-founded

"What I have in this situation is no regret," said the 79-year-old, sitting in a rocking chair. "The bottom line is she's got her world and I've got mine, and we let it go at that."

He was a hippie making a living by selling honey when his life was altered by a chance encounter with a hitchhiking Quimby. She was a single mother and a back-to-the-lander who impressed Shavitz with her ingenuity and self-sufficiency.

She began making products from his beeswax, and they became partners. An image of Burt's face — and his untamed beard — was featured on labels.

The partnership ended on a sour note after the business moved in 1994 to North Carolina, where it continued to expand before Shavitz was given the boot.

In the documentary, Shavitz sounds both bitter and ambivalent.

"Roxanne Quimby wanted money and power, and I was just a pillar on the way to that success," he said.

Quimby, who made more than \$300 million US when she sold the company, disagrees with any suggestion that Shavitz was treated improperly. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Conventional wisdom suggests the Burt behind Burt's Bees left the company after he became disillusioned with the corporate world in North Carolina and wanted to return to his solitary life in Maine.

The reality, Burt Shavitz says, is that he was forced out by co-founder Roxanne Quimby after he had an affair with an employee.

So the man on the Burt's Bees logo that promises "Earth-friendly natural personal care products" ended up with 37 acres in Maine, and an undisclosed sum of money.

The reclusive beekeeper whose simple life became complicated by his status as a corporate icon is now the subject of a documentary, Burt's Buzz, which opens Friday in cities including New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago, Phoenix and Cleveland.

Interviewed by The Associated Press on his land in Maine, Shavitz declined to discuss his relationship with Quimby.

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GAME OF BLEEDING RAINBOWS & BAD ACCENTS

Game of Thrones is one of the most intensely loved shows in the history of television, which is interesting for a show that does not love you back.

The sword-and-sorcery-and-rape-and-decapitation fantasy series has its moments of joy and hope, but they're mostly there so they can be snatched away from you, like a child's toy, your shocked face part of the latest YouTube reaction montage.

Author George R.R. Martin wrote the books the series is based on, so he can be blamed for most of the emotional wallop. Then the show producers looked at a book series full of sexual assault, decapitation, castration and people getting slaughtered at weddings and said, "Hey, could be worse. Let's make it worse!"

It all came to a head in the most recent episode as the emotional and physical pain combined perfectly when (spoiler!) a much-loved character had his skull slowly crushed ON SCREEN, destroying hope and brains in equal measure.



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(Double spoiler!: He died.)

The impact of that scene had me thinking about what Martin could have done with some of television's most famous programs.

If all TV were like Game of Thrones ...

*If Martin had written **Seinfeld**, the Master of My Domain episode would have been about who can go the longest without losing their genitals.

*If Martin had written **Reading Rainbow**, the theme song would have been, "Butterfly in the sky/Loses its wings and dies/Dare to look/Within my book/A Bleeding Rainbow (death by crossbow!)"

*If Martin had written **WKRP**, Les Nessman's cuts would have been fatal.

*If Martin had written **The Mary Tyler Moore Show**, Mary would have thrown her hat in the air and been hit by a truck.

*If Martin had written **The Wire**, the mayor of Baltimore would have been a conniving narcissist with unbridled lust for power and women, played by an Irish actor with a deeply unconvincing accent.

*If Martin had written **Friends**, one episode would have been called The One About the Incestuous Rape Over the Barely Warm Corpse of Their Child.

*If Martin had written **The X-Files**, Scully would say there are no such thing as dragons while a dragon was eating her.

*If Martin had written **Freaks and Geeks**, it would be Carrie.

*If Martin had written **The Daily Show with Jon Stewart**, your Moment of Zen would be the anguished screams of the dying.

*If Martin had written **The Larry Sanders Show**, it would be exactly the same. He loves that guy.

As you can see, I'm sort of obsessed. I feel like if the show has gotten us this invested, it must take a happy turn soon, right? I've got a good feeling about next week. And if the good guys don't start winning, I swear, heads will roll.

ZOOM

Felines: 'The universal mode of communication'



SVETLANA PETROVA
Artist based in St. Petersburg, Russia

After her mother died, artist Svetlana Petrova went into a deep depression. A friend suggested dressing up Zarathustra, the kitty Petrova inherited from her mom, in costumes for a photo session as a pick-me-up. But the cat was so fat that he couldn't fit into anything. Instead, Petrova photoshopped him into works of art. Metro sat down with Petrova to get more details.

Are you a big fan of memes?

I love the concept. If I were to return to university I'd write a thesis on it. But I want to make memes that are pretty. Many memes are just plain ugly.

Why do cats have such appeal?

Cats are the universal mode of communication. We may all speak different languages but we're all lovers of cats. They're a way of bringing us together to do good. For example, two years ago there was Hank, a cat that ran for the U.S. senate. For his campaign, I helped design some fake dollar bills with his picture on them. The project raised a lot of money for animal charities in the U.S. and Russia. So we managed to do good, not through people but through a cat. **METRO**

But is it cat?



The Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci gets a ginger fat cat addition. Below: catified versions of Portrait of an Unknown Woman in Russian Costume by Ivan Argunov and Bogatyrs by Viktor Vasnetsov. COURTESY SVETLANA PETROVA



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Man goes in search of lost time on a motorbike

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Every corner of the world is more connected than ever, but what about our connection to the past?

Douglas Gautraud's romanticizing of another time and his ties to his grandfathers left him wanting something outside of living life online. So, much to his mother's chagrin, he bought a motorcycle.

What follows is an endearing story about how two wheels and an engine help a man explore his relationship with his elders, and



how it became his "Mom's Motorcycle." (Via Douglas Gautraud/YouTube)

Nothing muddled in Solids new album Blame Confusion

Simple, solid rock.

Recorded live off the floor, straightforward record comes even with a few first takes



**BACKSTAGE
PASS**

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True to its title, the debut album *Blame Confusion* from Montreal rock duo Solids disfavours disorientation.

Released in February by Dine Alone Records, *Blame Confusion* contains 10 simple yet solid rock 'n' roll songs, the urgent, straightforward sound underscored by the lo-fi production of former Tricky Woo guitarist Adrian Popovich.

"We used to play in a more aggressive band called Expectorated Sequence, which was more of a spastic hardcore band, lots of time signatures and stuff," says guitarist Xavier Germain-Poitras, who formed Solids in 2009 with drummer Louis Guillemette.

"I knew I really liked Louis' drumming style and I like riffs that are simpler, yet pretty, still heavy but more pop-oriented. That was the main goal, to have the songs really stripped-down, just trying to write good, heavy pop songs."

To achieve a simpler sound, *Blame Confusion* was recorded live off the



Montreal duo Solids play Union Sound Hall on June 12. COURTESY MARINE ANAÏS HADDADI

floor, with a few first takes even appearing in the final product. That said, Germain-Poitras says the album's first mixes didn't quite jive with the band's stripped-down sound.

"It's funny because the first mixes sounded way more produced than the final one," Germain-Poitras says.

"We spent time to make it sound raw, and I'm glad we did. It's the thing we've

done so far that sounds the closest to the live experience and we're pretty happy about it."

Heavy on the distortion, Solids combination of fuzzy riffs, hooky melodies and punk rock energy has earned the duo a lot of comparisons to Sonic Youth, Superchunk and Dinosaur Jr.

Germain-Poitras says those early '90s alt-rock bands are an influence, but

not what Solids wants to be defined by.

"I totally agree that we have some sounds from that era, but I think it's one of the rock eras that aged pretty well compared to other stuff," Germain-Poitras says.

"I think it's the fact that it was really simple and not too overproduced and over-the-top, I guess."

"I like that scene but I think we're still not just

nostalgia. They are good references, though, and it could be far worse than that, but I like to focus on the future."

Solids opens for Winnipeg band Mise en Scène at Union Sound Hall on Thursday, June 12. Toronto band Animal Faces is also on the bill.

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Darcy Oake's finale will be risky business

When doves fly.

Winnipeg magician plans to up the ante for his final act on Britain's Got Talent

Winnipeg magician Darcy Oake says he's planning "a very dangerous piece" for Saturday's finale of Britain's Got Talent as he competes for the top prize.

"The way we're doing it, it's risky — big time," the 26-year-old said this week in a telephone interview from London. "But I feel like each piece needs to be bigger than the last one, and this is kind of the only way to close out the show for me."

The son of Hockey Night in Canada broadcaster Scott Oake is one of 10 finalists vying for the prize of about \$456,000. Newly announced wild card contender Jon Clegg will also be competing during Saturday's live finale, which will see the voting public in the U.K. decide the winner.

Oake wouldn't reveal what his final trick will be, noting "it's got to be a surprise," but he



Winnipeg magician Darcy Oake will compete Saturday for the top prize on Britain's Got Talent. ZAKARY BELAMY

said it's a new presentation of something he's done a handful of times. (One of his most dangerous tricks has seen him suspended by his feet trying to get out of a straight jacket before a bear trap hanging from a burning rope above him becomes loose.)

A specialist in sleight-of-hand and illusions, Oake said

he knew he wanted to be a magician as a kid after his dad fooled him during a card-trick attempt.

"He got me to pick a card, I picked it, put it back in the pack, he shuffled the pack, pulled one out and said, 'This was your card,' and it was my card. I begged him to tell me how he did it for, like, a month

and he wouldn't. And then I found out it was just a complete accident."

He first learned his craft from library books and practised at birthday parties before gradually moving on to bigger venues, headlining shows around Canada and the U.S.

But he became "artistically unsatisfied" and wanted to take

Dangerous?

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Darcy Oake, magician on his final performance on Britain's Got Talent

his act to the next level, and that's why he tried out for Britain's Got Talent, the hit talent show competition that has discovered the likes of singers Paul Potts and Susan Boyle.

His first performance — in which he pulled off jaw-dropping illusions with doves — wowed the audience as well as judges Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, Alesha Dixon and David Walliams. (A YouTube clip of the performance has garnered over 25 million views.)

Cowell told him he's "the best magician" they've ever had on the show, called him a "star" and praised him for presenting magic in a non-corny way.

"I put a lot of effort into pre-

senting (magic) in a non-cheesy way, and when Simon Cowell made those comments specifically saying it wasn't corny, that was a huge compliment for me," said Oake.

"There's definitely a stigma with being a magician. People immediately either assume you do kids' parties, or when you say 'magician' they immediately think 'musician' and they ask you what instrument you play. When you say you do magic, people are like, 'What? You're a weirdo.'"

His Britain's Got Talent competition includes electric violinist Lettice Rowbotham, opera singer Lucy Kay and dance act Yanis Marshall, Arnaud and Mehdi.

He said he's looking at it as a competition against himself, not his competitors, and he's not sure what he would do with the prize money if he won.

"It's not about the money for me at all. It's about coming here and presenting the craft and the art form in a respectable way and in a way that's seen as something different." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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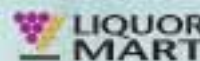


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John Mayer ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

In post-breakup, Mayer becomes muse to Katy Perry

At this point, we'll soon be able to put out a compilation album of songs written about John Mayer. His most recent ex, Katy Perry, tells Cosmopolitan that fans shouldn't be surprised to hear some tunes on forthcoming albums inspired by their breakup. "There's no bad blood, but I'm sure there will be inspired songs," she tells the magazine.

Taylor Swift, another of Mayer's exes, also penned a tune or two about the singer.

Mayer, for his part, isn't too worried about the output. "I have super-strength for gang-ups," he tells TMZ. "I'm fine. That's what you're supposed to do, man. You're supposed to write songs. You're just not supposed to tell everybody you're doing it."

Nick Loeb's pals couldn't be happier about split from Sofia Vergara

Last month, Sofia Vergara announced the end of her two-year engagement to Nick Loeb, and apparently his friends are thrilled by the news, according to Page Six. "I'm happy to see her go. Good riddance," one of businessman Loeb's pals said, shooting down claims that Loeb was using the relationship to ride Vergara's coattails.

According to the friend, the Modern Family actress was "rude" during group dinners, ignoring others and constantly checking her



Sofia Vergara

phone and Twitter account. "She only joins the conversation if it's about her."

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50 blames his terrible pitching on too much hand practice

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News in New York City

50 Cent is sure living life to the fullest this summer. First he throws the worst first pitch ever at a Mets game. Then he has a rival robbed onstage. Now he says he masturbated so much he hurt his bones.

No, not that bone. Fiddy is blaming that dismal first pitch on a sort of repetitive stress injury. In his Reddit AMA Tuesday, he

said, "I have a skeletal muscle injury from excessive masturbation so take it easy lol."

Will do! Then again, most of us do not have to pitch at Major League baseball games, so we are free to abuse ourselves as extravagantly as we choose, no matter how fraught with peril our technique may be.

In that same AMA, 50 Cent also said he used to bench press 405 pounds, so perhaps the injury had other causes. He also showed his nerdy side: When asked what would be his dream movie role, he replied, "One of the Marvel franchise. Or Star Wars."

Just be careful how many times you swing the light sabre.



Kourtney Kardashian

Kourtney Kardashian is expecting, many selfies to follow

The Kardashian-Jenner family may still be on a high from Kim's wedding, but now they have another reason to celebrate. Kourtney and boyfriend Scott Disick are reportedly expecting their third child. Us Weekly is reporting that she is a few months along, and you can count on the mag — as well as other tabloids — to document her ever-growing

bump throughout the coming months.

So far, the couple and the Kardashian clan haven't officially announced the pregnancy in the press or on social media. But you know this family can't keep quiet for long.

Kardashian and Disick have two children together already.

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The guy down the street listens to talk radio with this front door open, like it's his job to scare the kids in the neighbourhood.



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We are so lucky that the great escape artists like Harry Houdini aren't also serial killers who can't be locked up.



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Fashion designers are turning to crowdfunding to boost brand buzz, profile and bottom line

Dylan Uscher works mainly with independent boutiques to feature his creations, but the designer hopes that crowdfunding will help elevate his label from budding brand to booming success.

The self-taught American designer recently moved back to Boston after eight years in Toronto where he launched Dylanium Knits in 2010.

Uscher has partnered with Luevo — a Canadian crowdfunding platform for designers — to help pre-sell his fall collection of knitwear inspired by Florentine architecture. His online campaign ends June 15.

"It's always a struggle when you're an independent business owner because you have to work really hard to get the very little that you have," Uscher said. "This just seemed like a really great outlet to try and get some new sales."

All items in his collection featured on Luevo are 15 per cent less than the suggested retail price.

And Uscher will only produce them if the products reach designated targets among customers who've pledged to purchase the designs.



Sunny Fong recently reached out to online donors to expand his VAWK label. In a video on his Indiegogo fundraising page, Fong appealed for help to stage his World MasterCard Fashion Week runway show in Toronto in March as well as aid to launch his label's first online store. KEITH BEATY / TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

which include scarves, a slouch hat and cape.

"Instead of using hypothetical market research or numbers that someone else has designed, you can put your own products out there and really test ... what products are going to work and what colours work and what doesn't," Uscher said.

"I think that's the really interesting way to approach it without having to go through all of the process of producing the items yourself and hoping that they sell."

Luevo co-founder Ana Caracaleanu said the site launched with its first designers in March and plans to

The pros and cons of the crowdsourcing concept

Darren Meister, an associate professor of business at Western University in London, Ont., said he thinks a bigger risk from a fashion perspective is the ability to see the designs — and potential interest from consumers — posted online for all to see. That includes major retailers who may jump on creating their own versions.

- Yet Meister said he also sees the possibility of rewards for emerging designers using

the platform to make their mark, and some sales in the process.

- What the crowdfunding model allows you is to try a more things, get more immediate feedback and improve your designs, he said. "If I'm a designer and I put up 20 designs and I see these three are the ones that are catching on, I'm probably going to focus on those three."

keep the number of labels featured in their "curated marketplace" to under 10 for now, with campaigns of 30 to 45 days.

Luevo takes a 15 per cent commission from successfully funded projects but also works to support designers in

other ways such as editing news releases and producing written content, she added.

"For the designers, the value that we bring is our technology to crowdsource items that are not yet produced. They don't have to pull the inventory," Caracaleanu said. "They could use us as a step in growing

E-exclusivity

"We think there's a really unique opportunity for not only startup entrepreneurs but specifically for fashion designers because they can present truly unique wares that are literally unavailable quite often in any other place."

Christopher Charlesworth
Co-founder of HiveWire, a crowdfunding and crowdsourcing solutions provider

their businesses or scaling up, and then taking their productions to a larger site where they may be requested to have ... the inventory to put their items there."

Christopher Charlesworth is co-founder of HiveWire, a crowdfunding and crowdsourcing solutions provider. He isn't surprised to see designers pursuing crowdfunding as capital- and buzz-building strategy.

"We think there's a really unique opportunity for not only startup entrepreneurs but specifically for fashion designers because they can present truly unique wares that are literally unavailable quite often in any other place."

"For many startup designers, they don't have access to the traditional distribution channels. Crowdfunding allows them to connect directly with a unique audience that is potentially interested in their goods."

The platform also offers the opportunity to take risks with designs they might not be able to produce when dealing with a mainstream chain, Charlesworth noted.

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HOMES

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Jean

Age: 25

Occupation:
Fashion writer

What she's wearing

U.S.A. hat, Cos dress, vintage jacket, Danier bag, Nike shoes, and sunglasses from a small boutique in Koreatown.

Her inspiration

"I'm usually a product of my environment. But many of my outfits are inspired by a children's book called Baseball Ballerina: Mixing elegance with tomboy touches."

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Most treasured footwear: The late Pat McDonagh gave me these shoes Dorothy Lamour wore in the 1947 film, Road to Rio

Turf the mower and go wild

Let nature have its way with your lawn. Wildflowers, native species are alternatives to traditional grass turf

It's the time of year when homeowners devote countless hours to keeping their lawns lush and green only to have watering restrictions imposed by many municipalities later in the season — causing lawns to dry out and even turn brown.

All that time and labour invested in keeping a lawn green

with sometimes a disappointing outcome is leading many homeowners to consider alternatives.

Christian Barnard, owner of Victoria's Christian Barnard Land Studio, says many of his clients are beginning to ask him about options other than traditional turf.

Biodiversity

"A lot of the clients I have now are looking for something that is more biodiverse, because they equate turf with high resource input," says Barnard. "When homeowners think of turf, they think of lawn mowers and Weed Eaters, and so

they should to a certain degree." One of his clients trained dogs in her 15-by-15-metre plot of grass. In her case turf was never going to be a long-lasting or easy-care option, and he recommended artificial or synthetic turf.

Synthetic turf

"Synthetic turf has come a long, long way, and it is amazing how real it can look. But if I had my way I tend to steer a lot of my clients into a more biodiverse option for turf," he says.

Wild flowers

Barnard trained in the United Kingdom before coming to Victoria, and he recommended to a lot of clients to let their turf lawns naturalize, which means reducing the mowing and trimming, and allowing native wildflowers to return. He also says he used a wildflower seed mix instead of turf.

Embrace weeds

With 171 municipalities across Canada, and all of Ontario and Quebec, banning pesticide and herbicide use, a certified horticulturalist says homeowners have to develop a tolerance for

weeds in their lawns.

"People are looking at their lawns and what was the status quo and realizing they can't have the green weed-free lawn anymore, and looking for alternatives," says Jason Erb, owner of Victoria's The Gardeners of Oliphant.

Garden beds

The easiest alternative for homeowners looking to move away from turf is to reduce the overall amount. Erb says this can be done by increasing the size of garden beds to cut down on the amount of lawn.

Hardscaping

Introducing hardscaping like patios and pathways is another option for reducing lawn space, and Erb says pathways can add flow to a backyard.

Grow edibles

"The other alternative is veggies and pushing the need for edibles in a landscape," he says.

Erb encourages homeowners to carve out segments of a large turf lawn to create raised beds and plant fruit trees and even berry bushes like raspberries. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Greener than grass

"One man's weed is another man's flower."

Christian Barnard, owner of Victoria, B.C.'s Christian Barnard Land Studio



Allowing a lawn to naturalize rather than constantly maintaining a traditional turf lawn is an alternative some experts recommend.

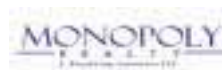
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The best of the west: Killer Fish Tacos

Lunch or dinner.

Nothing screams summer more than fresh fruit, and this recipe takes nature's and mixes it with crispy fish

"I've always adjusted this recipe according to what fish is readily available. In New York, I used snapper, and in Texas, I used bass," writes Lisa Ahier in her book *The Soba Cookbook*.

"Here in B.C., salmon and halibut have become my all-time favourites. This recipe was featured in *The Best American Recipes 2000*, edited by Fran McCullough and Suzanne Hamlin, and in *The Gourmet Cookbook*, edited by Ruth Reichl."

1. Prepare the fruit salsa.
2. Cut the salmon and halibut

into 1-inch cubes and season with salt.

3. Heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the onion and sauté for 1 minute. Add the fish and fry for about 3 minutes, until just cooked. Add the chipotle chilies and sauté for 2 or 3 more minutes. Remove from the heat.

4. Fill the taco shells halfway with the fish mixture, then top with the salsa. Serve immediately, two tacos per person.

Fresh Fruit Salsa

This salsa should reflect the season, so don't be a slave to the recipe. I mix it up all the time, combining fruits like peaches and blueberries with watermelon, or pineapple with avocado. Buy what's fresh.

1. Combine all ingredients and refrigerate until ready to use. This salsa will stand up for about 24 hours, after

Ingredients

- Fresh Fruit Salsa (see below)
- 1 lb wild salmon, boneless and skinless
- 1 lb halibut, boneless and skinless
- 1 tbsp salt
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 cup small-diced red onion (about 1 onion)
- 1/2 cup puréed canned chipotle

- chilies in adobo sauce
- 16 crispy hard taco shells

Fresh Fruit Salsa

- 4 kiwi fruits, diced small
- 1/2 pineapple, diced
- 1 mango, diced small
- 1 small papaya, diced small
- 2 avocados, diced small
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro



This recipe serves eight. JEREMY KORESKE

which time the fruit begins to break down.

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Condiment. Habanero Whisky BBQ Sauce



This recipe makes eight cups. JEREMY KORESKE

1. Heat the oil in a medium-sized, heavy-bottomed pot

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced small
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and diced small
- 1 red bell pepper, diced small
- 1 green bell pepper, diced small
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp dry mustard
- 1 1/2 tbsp salt (or to taste)
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1/4 cup whisky or bourbon
- 4 cups ketchup
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar
- 3/4 cup Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 tsp ground dried habanero chili powder

over medium heat. Sauté the onion, jalapeno and bell peppers for 20 minutes or until tender, gently stirring with a wooden spoon to prevent burning. Add the garlic, dry mustard, salt and cumin and cook for an additional 2 minutes.

2. Add the whisky and let it

evaporate for 1 minute. Add the ketchup, cider vinegar, Dijon, brown sugar, molasses and chili powder and simmer on low heat for 1 hour, stirring frequently to avoid burning.

3. Remove from heat and allow to cool to room temperature.

Cookbook of the Week

The B.C. coast comes to your home

Sophisticated Bohemian (Sobo) has gone from food truck to destination restaurant in Tofino, B.C. to a cookbook. Lisa Ahier (the restaurant's chef and owner)

has teamed up with Andrew Morrison (a food writer) for a release that focuses on locally sourced, seasonally inspired ingredients — just like the restaurant that inspired it. Among the 100 recipes included are: Crab and Goat Cheese Wontons, BBQ Bison Flank Steak, Thai Chicken in Roti, Mascarpone Cheesecake and more.

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Great eats at the Red River Ex

Fair food. Thanks to local vendors, it's not all about deep-fried fare anymore



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For some, an afternoon at the Red River Ex is a chance to win a ginormous teddy bear or take a dizzying spin on the Sizzler. For others, the annual event is all about the food. With more than 80 vendors, no one should be disappointed.

"We are relying more heavily on local vendors to bring us great food quality and much more variety, which is what our guests have been asking for," said Jodi Johnson, communications and marketing manager for The Ex.

For the second year, The Expressway runs through the centre of the park with 15 food vendors under a canopy. Fair favourites—Half Moon Drive Inn and Gourmet Hamburger Grill—will be joined in The Expressway by two new ethnic vendors. The Simba Safari Grill offers African specialties including chapati (pan-fried pastry

made from whole wheat), samosas and a fried spinach dish. The second vendor offers Portuguese treats including alvacoe (flaked tuna baked with potatoes) and fajas (pasta, potatoes, kidney beans and sausage).

Fair-goers may notice fewer deep-fried options and more wraps and salads at various vendors. There are even some gluten-free options available at The Ex.

Looking for a food bargain at The Ex? Sunday mornings offer free park admission plus a free pancake and sausage breakfast with a donation to the Red River Exhibition Foundation. The offer is good from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on June 15 and 22.

The Red River Ex runs June 13 to 22 at Red River Exhibition Park. Advance tickets are \$9 and available at Sobey's, Mac's and redriverex.com.

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Some of your favourites will be there, too, like candy apples.

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MAKE YOUR SPRING EXTRA GREEN

DONATE CLOTHES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AT VALUE VILLAGE

Are you looking for more ways to contribute positively to the environment in your everyday life? Shop second-hand.

The clothing you wear and give away can make a big impact on the environment. On average, each North American throws away more than 30 kilograms (68 pounds) of clothing and textiles each year.

The good news is that nearly 100 per cent of that is reusable or recyclable. So this season while you are combing through your closet, packing away your sweaters and getting out those shorts and T-shirts, make your spring extra green by donating your clothes and household items at Value Village.

"Donating the clothes you don't need anymore is a simple, easy way for anyone to go green in their everyday lives," says Tony Shumpert, vice-president of recycling operations for Value Village. "It might seem like a small contribution, but over time one person can make a really big difference."

Value Village is one of the largest recyclers of used clothing in the world, keeping more than 294,000 metric tonnes (approximately



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650 million pounds — that's the size of two cruise ships) of quality goods from landfills by selling reusable items in-store and responsibly recycling items unsuitable for resale.

Last year, Value Village repurposed 329 million tops, 59 million pairs of shoes, 114 million pairs of pants and 28 million coats.

Of course, second-hand shoppers are just as important as donors. Visiting your local thrift store is a great way to find good quality, one-of-a-kind items for excellent prices. Shoppers can look good and go green at the same time.

"Value Village works with community

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Make room for your fresh new finds by cleaning out the old clothes you don't wear anymore. Value Village pays local non-profits every time you donate, helping to support their programs and services within the community.

"Our goal at Value Village is to support our communities across Canada," says Tony Shumpert, vice-president of recycling operations for Value Village. "We consider community investment an essential component of our business."

Over the past 10 years, Value Village has purchased more than \$1.5 billion of goods from its partners, turning otherwise unused items into sustainable funding that supports the non-profit's vital community programs and services.

Helping out the community — now that's truly stylish.

partners like Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Canadian Diabetes Association to keep goods out of landfills and give pre-loved clothing a brand new life," Shumpert says. "You never know what treasures you'll find — thrift shopping makes recycling fun."

For more, visit valuevillage.com.

Dig through fashion gold mines

Unique style is a coveted quality. This is true now more than ever thanks to street style blogs like the Sartorialist, Street Peeper, Face Hunter, and many others.

"Second-hand shopping has become the fashionista's secret weapon," says Tony Shumpert, vice-president of recycling operations for Value Village. "You never know what you're going to find there, and sometimes it's a gold mine."

Here's how to find your style at Value Village:

LOOK FOR HIGH-QUALITY MATERIALS

The fabrics you choose will make a difference in the longevity of your garments. Keep your eyes open for high-quality textiles like silk or wool. These materials wear well, last a long time and never go out of style. Value Village purposely selects high-quality clothing, and puts more than 5,000 to 10,000 new items out every day.

CHECK THE LABEL

Chanel, Nike, Lululemon, Aritzia brands such



as Wilfred and TNA — high-quality brand names are frequent finds at Value Village. As you are sifting through the racks, watch the labels. You will find items for \$10 that would have originally retailed for hundreds.

TRY IT ON

At Value Village, clothing is arranged by size so you can easily find the best fit for you, but



since every item is different, make sure to try it on to find out how it fits.

KNOW WHEN TO SAY NO

Sometimes a clothing item just isn't for you. If it's not quite right, don't buy it. Or if you bought it and you are having second thoughts, bring it back. Value Village welcomes buyers to exchange their purchases



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within seven days so you can save your pocket money for items that feel just right.

CONSIDER GETTING IT TAILORED

If you find a \$5 jacket in just the right shade of blue, but it doesn't quite fit, consider getting it altered at a tailor. It will still cost far less than it would new, and you will have a great piece that will last you for years.

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Value Village is one of the largest recyclers of used clothing in the world and diverts more than 650 million pounds of quality goods from landfills each year.

The EPA estimates that the average person throws away up to

70 POUNDS OF CLOTHING PER YEAR.

(SMART Association)



Almost **100%** of clothing and textiles are recyclable.

However, **85%** of clothing and textile waste goes to landfills. (World Wear Project)

Last year alone, **Value Village** repurposed:



329 MILLION
TOPS



114 MILLION
PAIRS OF PANTS



59 MILLION
PAIRS OF SHOES



28 MILLION
COATS



That's enough merchandise to supply the average woman's lifetime wardrobe almost **145,000 times over.**

Value Village gives a second life to more than 1.8 million pounds of reusable items every day, totaling

600 MIDSIZE CARS



Value Village

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Kings win Game 1 over Rangers 3-2 in overtime

Kings centre Mike Richards fights off Martin St. Louis to try to get a shot on Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist during Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final on Wednesday night in Los Angeles. Go to metronews.ca for more coverage from the overtime thriller. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Training camp maxes Hall

CFL. Blue Bombers' only veteran QB hopes to rectify disastrous 2013 season

He came in last year as a CFL rookie and ended up as the man stuck leading the train wreck that was the 2013 season for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

It was a baptism of fire for Max Hall, and even though he ended up playing more than the rest of the team's pivots combined, he was passed over for the starter's job this season in favour of Drew Willy.

But Hall was the only quarterback invited to return after the Bombers finished 3-15 last year and he's working hard to show that was a good move.

"It's amazing the difference between this year and how I felt last year," he said after leading a series of plays at camp that would have had Bombers fans on their feet if it happened during the regu-

lar season.

"I feel good, I had a whole season this time to get ready, I feel strong, I feel healthy, I feel like I understand what's going on in the offence. I'm excited this year."

The Bombers had lots of trouble last season and not just at quarterback. They allowed the most points in the CFL and had an offensive line that struggled to provide consistent protection.

New general manager Kyle Walters and rookie head coach Mike O'Shea were brought in to change all that and the coach is pleased what he's seen at training camp so far.

"Max does a lot of things really well," O'Shea said Wednesday.

"From what I saw on film last year and from what (offensive co-ordinator) Marcel (Bellefeuille) knew of him last year, I would say he's improved a lot. It's probably comfort with the system and a change in the system, with Marcel making some changes from last year."

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Argos linebacker Marcus Ball hits the Bombers' Max Hall last October in Toronto. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CFL

Simon ends legendary career

The most prolific receiver in CFL history is calling it a career.

Slotback Geroy Simon announced his retirement Wednesday after 15 seasons.

The 38-year-old native of Johnstown, Pa., played 12 years with the B.C. Lions but finished his career with Saskatchewan, helping the Roughriders win the Grey Cup last year.

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French Open

Nadal comes from behind

Briefly, and only briefly, Rafael Nadal was in a difficult spot in the French Open quarterfinals. For the first time in this year's tournament, the eight-time champion dropped a set.

So how did Nadal handle this test? Perfectly. From late in the second set, he won 10 games in a row, and 13 of 14 the rest of the way, to come back and beat Spain's David Ferrer 4-6, 6-4, 6-0, 6-1, setting up a semifinal Friday against Wimbledon champion Andy Murray.

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FIFA

Ronaldo hobbling ahead of Brazil

Portugal says forward Cristiano Ronaldo has tendinitis in his left leg to go with a left leg muscle injury as the team prepares for its World Cup opener on June 16 against Germany.

Ronaldo, the world player of the year, helped Real Madrid win the Champions League last month despite being hampered by leg injuries. Portugal is in the U.S., where it will play Mexico Friday and Ireland next week in friendlies before heading to Brazil.

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Portuguese striker Cristiano Ronaldo GETTY IMAGES

Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

What happens today may convince you that you have allowed yourself to be lulled into a false sense of security but even if it's true it is no big deal. You're smart enough to handle whatever fate sends your way.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Why are you trying to do everything the hard way? Not only is it unnecessary but it could also be self-defeating. Be who you are, not who you think others want you to be.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

A challenge will confront you today but you will overcome it with ease. Take action quickly and don't doubt for a moment that you will succeed. Good things are coming your way.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

It is important that you think things through carefully today. There is a danger that you will act hastily and regret it later, so slow down, think about what it is you want to do and work slowly towards that goal.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Something will happen today to make you wonder if you've been too hasty in reaching certain conclusions. Just because some people have a way of life that is radically different to your own does not make them bad.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It may feel as if you're under the thumb at home and work, but there is no point getting stressed about it. Wait for the cosmic outlook to change, which it should do any day.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You're in an adventurous mood but this may not be the best time to venture into areas you don't know about. Wait until the full moon on the 13th has come and gone before moving out of your comfort zone.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Stay calm and keep telling yourself that everything will turn out right in the end. Above all don't allow yourself to get worked up about money matters. There is no reason at all to fear the worst.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Things may get bumpy over the next day or two but if you sit tight the turbulence will pass. If others want to throw tantrums that's up to them. You are under no obligation to follow their example.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Current influences highlight the need to be efficient, to get the most from yourself for the least input of time and energy. Pace yourself and look for ways to get from A to B simply.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

A clash of egos could get rather heated over the next 24 hours, but the results should be positive. Hopefully it will get you thinking in new and more profitable directions.

♓ Pisces

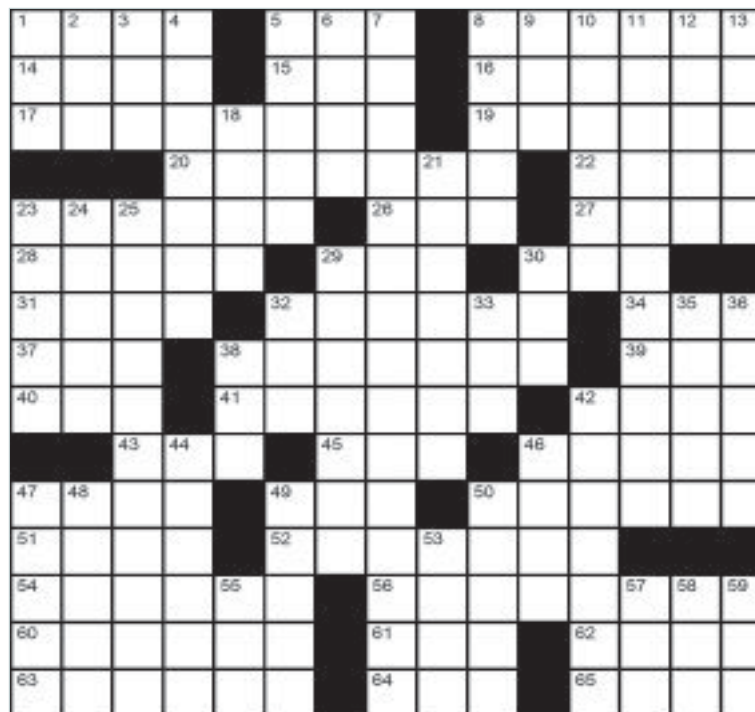
Feb. 20 - March 20

Your world will be rocked by what happens over the next few days but later you will look back and realize it was all for the best. Ultimately all change is good for you. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Hamilton actor, Jonathan ___ (b.1924 - d.2012 ...see #17-Across and #11-Down)
- Pal
- Book buyer
- Jane ___
- Mined mineral
- Refined
- Vampire on #11-Down, ___ Collins (Johnny Depp resurrected the role in the 2012 movie version)
- Barber's shave-ees
- Grand
- Gull-like bird
- David Bowie's "Space ___"
- Firearm
- Glimpse
- "Groovy!"
- Advantages
- Grey hue
- Jealousy
- Ed of "Modern Family"
- Basic bug
- "Take ___ , insist!"
- "Do the ___": Hit for #25-Down
- Agnus ___ (Lamb of God)
- But, Latin-style
- Keith Urban hit: 2 wds.
- Peace bird
- Roll
- Feeling flu-ish
- Strength
- Mideast chieftain, variantly



- Crossword band
- Population count
- NFL's Ravens city, for short
- ___-Windsor Tunnel
- Sea ___ (Aquatic creature)
- Yukon's most northerly point, ___ Island

- Meathead's wife
- "Yikes!"
- Eddy ___ (One of 'The Buyers' on CBC's "Four Rooms")
- England's ancient invaders
- Toronto's Yonge, et. al.
- Safecracker **Down**

- Aquarian's mo.
- Scandinavian rug
- Flawed in a way [abbr.]
- Concentration
- British police officer
- Russian river
- Fare featured on based-in-Toronto channel Fashion Television: 2 wds.

- Singer/actor Mr. Blades
- Afore
- Puts down
- Gothic series of 1966 to 1971 on which #1-Across starred as the character at #17-Across: 2 wds.
- Result in: 2 wds.

- Pronounce once more
- Manual's opposite
- Evita or Hair
- Three Dog Night: "___ the loneliest number..."
- Al ___ (Pasta preference)
- Montreal-born singer/songwriter: 2 wds. (More at #38-Across)
- How laundry might accumulate: 3 wds.
- Supermodel Carol
- War on Poverty agcy.
- Roman Myth: Household deity
- Nephew: French
- Levels
- Alphabet sequence
- There, there ...your makeup will run.": 2 wds.
- Joint: Prefix
- Shar-___ (Some dogs)
- "___ Life" (1998)
- Actress Ms. Gibbs
- Writer Ms. Ferber's
- Wine stoppers
- Jackie Wilson's "___ Petite"
- "Am ___ your way?"
- Furrow maker
- Baby bird's birth-place
- Account

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



MAX: 24°
MIN: 14°



MAX: 16°
MIN: 10°



MAX: 18°
MIN: 6°



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